

Yon, March 21st 1840.

And April 3rd

Dear Sir:

I received your letter of the 3^d inst. but, owing to illness, have not been able to answer it before this time. I have been suffering from an attack of Pleurisy for 3 or 4 weeks, & am now recovering -

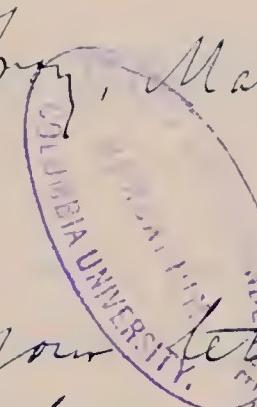
You wish another specimen of the Gymnandra, and I now send you all that I have of it, which a very poor specimen. You may be surprised at seeing a species name attached to it in Eaton's Botany, but I am in no way accountable for this; it is wholly the work of P. E.

By some strange mistake in the punctuation, ^{of the specific description} the caudine leaves are represented as being coriaceous, whereas this term was intended to apply to the radical ones. I have brought

very fair plants from Mich. & those mostly single specimens.

Mr. Bell my assistant in Mich. has put up a bunch, & I have added a few in a separate parcel, for you. I have not strength to overhaul my plants, to send you all I wish to.

I have committed a great blunder in quoting the Flora wrongfully, but on the receipt of your letter I took immediate measures to have it corrected on the succeeding sheets. As for the T. & P. I never had anything to do with it, but on receiving your letter I stopped the progress of the work. As for the Capital letters at the beginning of some species, it is out of my power to have them inserted. Prof. G. says the Pointers have not got type to do it with. Your mention



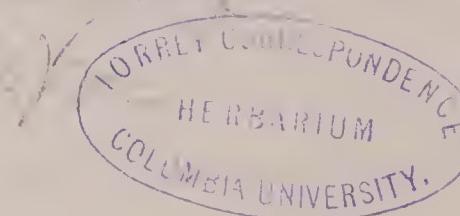
others errors which ought to be corrected, but I have not time to attend to them. I practice medicine for a living, & consider Botany a secondary affair. Both Prof. Eaton, & the Publisher, Mr Gates, understood from me, before the present Edition was commenced, that my time would not admit of ~~any~~ ^{my} undertaking to correct all of the errors of the Book. All that I have attempted to has been to correct in some measure the language, ~~except~~ ^{improve} some of the descriptions, & insert new ^{plants} ones when I could conveniently get hold of them & transfer a few species to other Genera. The whole has been done hurriedly. I have never seen the copy before going to the printer, & never but one Proof of a form, & that without copy to compare with it. I have mentioned these circumstances to show you the relation in which I stand to the book. The corrections &c which I have suggested have been written on sheets of paper & sent to Prof. E. The Prof. knows that there are mistakes in the Book, but he is too old to correct them, and as for myself I never thought of undertaking to correct all its errors.

I sent you all of my specimen *Battisia leucophloea* and as I have no description of it, I wish that you will write me one - also with a descript. of the Genus Vilfa. I have hunted ~~it~~ almost exhausted for some specimens of *Nitwanaria purpurea* ^{la} but they are not ~~now~~ ^{now} at present. The mistakes in quoting the following

will be corrected in the page of corrections at the end of the
Bostany. Also the T. J. G.

Yours truly,

Prof. Torrey-



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Dear Sir:

I send a few more plants, which I should like the names for; if you have leisure please look at them. You are at liberty to retain all that ^{are} ~~in~~ the package. I have a collection of Lichens from Michigan, which I will send to you if desired. Several of the plants which I now send do not appear in your catalog of the stat plants, probably they were inadvertently left out - they are - *Polygonum articulatum*, *Potentilla ansina* & perhaps, a *Grazinus*.

Allow me to introduce to you favorable notice, at least of this package, Dr Newcomb, of this city. His favorite study is conchology.

Dr J. Lovell

Yours truly John Wright

from the J. Groce Collection

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Given by A. M. VAIL.

